

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

*b1 b2* (d) drying by vacuum the mixture to form solid to form solid micronized particles of the agent dispersed in solid macromolecular material, wherein greater than 90% of the solid particles are less than 1  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter.

*Sub E1 b2* 3. (Amended) The method of claim [2] 1 further comprising encapsulating the solid particles of agent in an encapsulating material.

*b2 b3* 4. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein greater than 90% solid particles are less than 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  in [size] diameter.

Please cancel claim 5.

*b3 Sub E1 b4* 6. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein greater than 90% of the solid particles are between 10 nm and 1  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter.

*Sub E1 b4* 17. (Amended) The method of claim [12] 16 wherein the phase separation technique is selected from the group consisting of solvent extraction, solvent evaporation, and phase inversion.

*Sub E1 b5* 19. (Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein [0 less than  $\delta$  solvent –  $\delta$  nonsolvent less than 6] the solvent and non-solvent are slightly miscible.

*Sub E1 b6* 23. (Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein freezing of the mixture is performed [sufficiently rapidly] following addition of the agent to the solution at a rate effective to avoid [such that] denaturing of the protein [is substantially avoided].